

NOVEL TREATMENT OF PARALYSIS.

The following is from the *Independent* of Belgium.—Recently, M. Laurent, a deputy of the department of the Nord, and one of the delegates to the sugar conference in Brussels, was seized with an attack of sciatica, and was unable to leave his bed. Instead of injecting him, Dr. Tannin-Despoules caused the patient to expire pure oxygen. Four hours afterwards consciousness and the power of motion were restored. M. Diemus has communicated the discovery to the French Academy of Sciences.

THE FORTIFICATIONS OF MAYENCE.

This fortification is composed of parts of the old fortifications approaching completion round Metz and Strasburg; but those of the older fortifications of Mayence are but little behind them in importance. M. Viollet-le-Duc's recent history of fortifications records no more striking change in the views of art than that which the modern works of Mayence display; for they can now be seen from Seine to Rhine, from the S.E. to the N.E., and from the E.S.E. to the W.N.E.

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The British bark *Retriever* reports left Newcastle, N.Y., on the evening of the 10th April, and had some "Westerly" gales past New Haven, later on through the Hudson River to New York, and so to Europe. Had no N.E. winds past S.E. tries. From Pharsma strong E. and E.S.E. winds with a tremendous cross sea, to arrive.

The British ship *William Davis* reports left Dundee on 21st May. Had moderate winds and fine weather at first part of passage, but the Chinese wind was strong. On 19th June, was near the S.E. and E. On 19th June, was near the American bark *H. L. Litchfield*, from Seine to Hong Kong, 23 days out, at lat. 32° 09' S., long. 168° 01'. On the 27th, spoke the British bark *Endymion* from Nagasaki to London, 16 days out, in lat. 142° N., and long. 125° E.

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A NEW DANGER FROM SEWER-GAS.

In the evening on the 1st May, a violent

explosion occurred, the British Medical Journal

says, in the Market-place at Leicester, which

is described to have knocked down a number

of people, and caused a great deal of damage.

Fortunately escape without more serious

injury than a severe shaking. The explosion

occurred close to a sewer-creation, and its cause

is assigned to the accidental ignition of sewer-

gas, which was there escaping.

The explosion appears to have done much damage along the

course of the sewer, as twenty feet from the

supposed origin of the explosion, a granite

and a Basaltan pier; sailing vessels *Thermopyla*,

Nyassa, *Vida*, *Adler*, *Forward*, *Ho*, *Black*

Petite and *Almanzor*. Passed by

Yesso, Shantung, Iki, Amakiriwa, Oki, Goto

Is., In, Sase, Ushio, Yonago, and

Champan, Goguryo, Olympia, Santon, and

Ushio. Left *Chusan* on the morning of the 2nd.

Passed the Fred mail steamship, bound N.

of Cuphi Po.

The British steamship *Kangtung* reports

left Foochow, 30th June, on the 1st July.

First part entered the South China Sea.

Then passed the S.E. and S.E. winds and fine

winds, then the first part moderate S. and S.E. winds

and fine weather, showers of rain, and heavy

cloudy weather.

In Foochow, H.M.S. *Hornet*, *Glenys*, *Glanis*, *Castel*, *Flamingo*, *Pardo*, and a Basaltan pier; sailing vessels *Thermopyla*, *Nyassa*, *Vida*, *Adler*, *Forward*, *Ho*, *Black*, *Petite* and *Almanzor*. Passed by

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